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SUBJECT : DDA Briefing on Project SAFE Site Alternatives

REFERENCE: Memo dtd 29 Dec 76 to C/RECD/OL fm OL Project SAFE Coordinator,  
Subj: Facilities Requirements for Project SAFE

1. The Deputy Director for Administration (DDA) was briefed on Project SAFE site alternatives on 4 January 1977. Attending were:

- a. Mr. John Blake, DDA
- b. Mr. Michael Malanick, A/DDA
- c. Mr. Clifford May, D/ODP
- d. Mr. [ ] D/SAS/ODP
- e. Mr. James McDonald, D/L
- f. Mr. [ ] C/RECD/OL
- g. Mr. [ ] C/ADS/LSD/OL
- h. Mr. [ ] OL Project SAFE Coordinator

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2. The rationale used to select 13 potential site locations in the northeast quadrant of the Headquarters Building on either the ground or first floors was discussed. A detailed explanation of this selection process is contained in the referent memorandum attached herewith without its attachments.

3. Briefly summarizing:

a. Six of the 13 site alternatives were presented and represent the major choices for final site selection.

b. RECD is recommending a phased construction of two increments of approximately 10,000 sq. ft. each, ex-

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cluding separate site preparations for the 60 and 415 Hz UPS systems, totalling an additional 3,000 sq. ft. The phased construction plan provides for the anticipated first-year facility and utilities requirements, allows for the possibility of a decentralized system (i.e., mini-computers distributed throughout user's areas which would require a smaller computer center) and permits completion of system engineering to better define actual requirements. The initial phase of construction is required by July 1978 (UPS completion on or before October 1978). This requirement necessitates approximately 15,000 sq. ft. of Headquarters space to be identified and vacated by 1 January 1978 to permit a normal 6 months of construction to commence.

c. RECD has planned that the data grid (signal wire system connecting the computer center to the user computer terminal areas) will be designed by a systems engineering house. Separate Agency contracts will cover installation, design, and construction. (This course of action is recommended to implement this new dedicated data grid because ongoing communication system development has not progressed to the point necessary to define the system. In addition, the exact number and sequence of user areas in the Headquarters Building and other Agency buildings throughout the Washington Metropolitan area are not yet defined. Only \$200,000 was included in the original SAFE estimate.)

d. RECD is recommending against installation of additional regional supplementary chillers in favor of the use of the installed redundant capacity at the Powerplant backed up with the major diesel generators.

e. RECD is completing an engineering study which supports the installation of the third 2500 kW generator rather than installation of a complex loadshedding system to provide emergency electrical power for the Project SAFE load.

f. C/RECD has been assured by Mr. James Stewart, Chief, Construction Management Division, GSA, that the July 1978 deadline will be met providing that space and construction funding is available. Special contracting procedures citing public exigency may be necessary to

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authorize a negotiated contract in order to meet the deadline. RECD believes such a public exigency statement, if required, can be prepared and legally defended. (A work authorization for A&E services has been forwarded to GSA for the design of the computer center and UPS sites on 30 December 1976.)

g. The original split of Project SAFE facilities funds (i.e. \$1,000,000 FY 77 and \$2,500,000 FY 78) may be insufficient in FY 77 depending upon the timing of the GSA construction contract award process. Normally, GSA requires the entire funding up front before the selection and award process starts. The \$500,000 - \$700,000 required when added to the \$200,000 for the design and the required equipment purchase sequence of \$400,000 for the third 2500 kW generator, and \$400,000 for 60 and 415 Hz UPS systems exceed the available \$1,000,000 until 1 October 1977 (FY 78). RECD will endeavor to have GSA make an exception so that total funds will not be required until the actual contract is awarded or the fiscal year whichever comes first. The alternate course of action would be to defer the purchase of the 2500 kW generator (\$400,000) until FY 78.

h. Project ADSTAR, requiring approximately 3,000 sq. ft. of specialized microform production, storage, and retrieval systems, will be an individually contracted and separately funded project.

4. The DDA emphatically stated that excavating new basement space under the existing ground floor slab is not an acceptable solution for providing space for Project SAFE utilities requirements. Consequently, RECD is only investigating existing space, on-grade, on the ground floor. (It should be noted that both HEB and ADS are maintaining very low profiles in candidate areas until a final determination is made!!).

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5. Mr. [ ] expressed his concern as to the extent which Project SAFE funding will be used for secondary renovations. Direct funding will be used to prepare the approximate 20,000 sq. ft. facility and supporting utilities. Similarly, it is assumed that non-SAFE funding will be used to acquire and prepare any new space outside the Headquarters Building. The funding for the intermediate secondary move sequence within the Headquarters Building necessary to vacate the selected area and the possibly extensive renovations for the [ ] plus analyst-user stations

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are in question. These costs may divert significant financial resources which are necessary to implement the basic system. (NOTE: (1) C/ADS/LSD/OL is reviewing Project GEMINI to determine whether authorized funding may be used to provide these secondary renovations. This funding aspect will be addressed in the near future; and (2) it should be noted that insufficient information is available to define facilities requirements within the SAFE user terminal areas to determine an estimated construction cost. No funding was included in the original forecast for user areas renovations.)

6. RECD and ADS/LSD are prepared to repeat this Project SAFE facilities and site selection briefing as required to the Executive Advisory Group panel, the D/OCR/DDI, and/or others.



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